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**Education**

5/2017

**Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois**

Bachelors of Science in Psychology (Major GPA: 3.702/4.0)

Minor in Gerontology (Minor GPA: 3.88/4.0). Cumulative GPA: 3.70/4.0

**Academic Work Experience**

1/2018-present

*Graduate Research Assistant, Veterans Aging Longitudinally in Oregon (VALOR), Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR*

**Responsibilities included:** Attending weekly and biweekly research team meeting, data management, assisting in data management, and mentor undergraduate research assistants.

9/2017-present

*Graduate Research Assistant, Optimal Aging Lab, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. Supervisor, Carolyn M. Aldwin, Ph.D.*

**Responsibilities included:** Attending weekly research lab meetings, assisting in lab tasks as necessary, presenting various presentations at lab meetings, and assisting lab members when necessary.

9/2017-present

*Graduate Teaching Assistant, College of Public Health and Human Services, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR*

**Responsibilities included:** Assisting the instructor of record with developing the course material, co-teaching lectures, grading tests/papers/assignments, responding to student emails, meeting with students outside of the classroom, and holding weekly office hours.

8/2014-5/2017

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Personality, Emotion, Development, and Daily Life Experiences, (PEDDLE LAB), Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Supervisors: Robert C. Intrieri, Ph.D.; Paige E. Goodwin, Ph.D.*

**Responsibilities included:** Develop research protocols; Collect data; Collaboration with supervising faculty members; Validated quality of data elements/data editing; Performed studies as related to research lab; Diagnosed and problem solved as it related to the research project and research protocols; Recruited study participants; Wrote protocols and informed consents; Performed study scheduling; Tracked Participant participation using SONA Systems (web-based human subject pool management software); Conducted literature searches; Administered patient interviews and preparing assessments; Trained new laboratory personnel in experimental techniques; Modified tested, verified and analyzed research data; Tabulated research data; Developed research surveys, questionnaires, or tests; Prepared research manuscripts and research presentations; Developed and maintained research databases

## Honors/Awards

### Oregon State University

Spring 2018 Recipient of Gravatt Fellowship: \$1,000  
Spring 2018 Recipient of Fang Fellowship: \$1,000  
Spring 2018 Recipient of Zimmerman Fellowship: \$1,800  
April 19, 2018 Distinguished Alumni Keynote Speaker at Western Illinois University Undergraduate Research Day

### Western Illinois University

Spring 2017 Graduated cum laude and honors scholar from Western Illinois University  
Spring 2017 Offered a 12 week internship from National Security Advisory Board from National Academy of Social Insurance internship program  
Spring 2017 Phi Kappa Phi Undergraduate Research Paper contest 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner: \$400  
Spring 2017 Jim Joyce scholarship recipient: \$100  
Spring 2017 Cecile A. Christison Sterrett College Scholar nominee  
Spring 2017 College of Art and Science Research Grant recipient: \$300  
Fall 2016 Mila R. Showers Scholarship recipient: \$1250  
Fall 2016 Bettye D. Thompson Scholarship recipient: \$500  
Fall 2016 Inducted into Psi Chi  
Fall 2016 Became member of the Gerontology Society of America  
Fall 2016 Honors College Travel Grant recipient: \$200  
Fall 2016 Dean's List  
Spring 2016 Dean's List  
Fall 2015 Dean's List  
Fall 2014 Dean's List  
Spring 2014 Dean's List  
8/2013-9/2016 Western Illinois University Commitment Scholarship: \$4000

## Publications

Intrieri, R. C., & Kurth, M. L. (2017). Racial differences in attitudes toward aging, aging knowledge, and contact. *Educational Gerontology, 44*, 40-53. doi:10.1080.03601277.2017.1388962

Kurth, M. L., & Intrieri, R. C. (2017). Attitudes, perceptions, and aging knowledge of future law enforcement and recreation majors. *Educational Gerontology, 43*(6), 313-326. doi: 10.1080/03601277.2017.1296297

## Presentations

Turner, S.G., **Kurth, M.L.**, Choun, S., & Hooker, K. (2018, November). Self-efficacy of possible selves is uniquely associated with self-perceptions of aging. Poster to be presented at the Gerontological

Society of America's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting November 14-18, 2018,  
Boston, MS.

Kurth, M.L. (2018, April). What Can I Contribute? The Importance of Undergraduate Research. Keynote Speaker at Thomas Helm Undergraduate Research Day at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

Kurth, M.L. & Intrieri, R.C. (2018, April). Racial Differences in Attitudes Toward Aging, Aging Knowledge, and Contact. Poster presented at Oregon State's College of Public Health and Human Sciences Graduate Student Poster Session. Corvallis, OR

Kurth, M.L. (2017, October). Ageism. Silver Screen Presentation for Oregon State Healthy Aging Club.

Intrieri, R. C. & Kurth, M. L. (2017, July). Racial Differences in Attitudes Toward Aging, Aging Knowledge, and Contact. Poster presented at the 2017 IAGG World Congress July 23-27, San Francisco, CA.

Kurth, Maria L. (2017, April). *Gender differences in knowledge and attitudes towards older adults in undergraduate students*. Paper presented at Thomas Helm Undergraduate Research Day at Western Illinois University, Macomb IL, April 19, 2017.

Kurth, M. L., & Intrieri, R. C. (2016, November). *Attitudes, perceptions, and aging knowledge of future law enforcement and recreation professionals*. Poster presented at the 69th annual meeting of The Gerontological Society of America, November 16-20, New Orleans, LA.

Kurth, Maria L. (2016, April). *Are there racial/ethnic differences in Attitudes Toward Aging and Knowledge about aging?* Paper presented at ILLOWA, 43rd Annual Undergraduate Psychology Conference at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, April 16, 2016.

## **Volunteer Work**

01/2017-04/2017

*Volunteer, Courtyard Estates: Betty's Garden (Memory Care), 1201 Cole St, Bushnell, IL 61422 Phone: (309) 772-8000* Supervisor: Amy Connor

**Responsibilities included:** Communicating with the residents in an appropriate manor, planning age appropriate activities that matched the

skill levels of the residents, participate in “family style” meals with residents, engaged in one-on-one visits, and participate in exercises with residents.

**Total hours of experience: 80**

2/2015-5/2015

*Volunteer, The Elms-Nursing Home, 1212 Madelyn Ave. Macomb, IL 61455 Phone: 309-837-5482.* Supervisor: Jane Hasley

**Responsibilities included:** Assisted with daily activities, which included Bingo and various crafts; Engaged in one-on-one visits with residents; Participated in music therapy sessions by playing the piano.

**Total hours of experience: 30**

### **Leadership Experience**

01/2016-11/2016

*Co-President, Gerontology Club, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. 61455* Supervisors: Robert C. Intrieri, PhD and Bryce M. Dexter

**Responsibilities included:** Maintained an accurate record of organization meetings; Maintained membership directory; Correspond when necessary with university administration and other recognized organizations; Maintained accurate record of organization financial transactions; Collected dues; Cosigned organization checks/vouchers along with the Advisor; Arranged fundraising opportunities for the organization; Responsible for dispensing of fund in accordance with the goals and programs established by the organization.

